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DUAL-H ARCHITECTURE HAVING SPLIT  
ADAPTIVE GAIN SETTINGS

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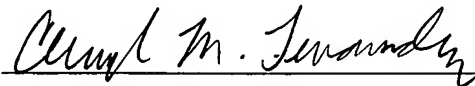
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced case on the merits, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.